

in Wasatch County by circulating her own private library.

She was an active Church member and leader, serving in all auxiliary organizations. She was a dramatic and a humorous reader and entertained generously. She taught dramatics in the YLMIA, coached their plays and toured Wasatch County with her young Thespians.

She was literary teacher in the Relief Society and was feature speaker at ward and stake activities. She served her community with eagerness. One assignment of which she was ever proud was in assisting with plans for the celebration of Utah statehood.

She was the first vice president of the Utah State Federation of Women's Clubs.

In 1918 she moved with her family to Salt Lake City from Heber City, where she continued her Church services as a literary teacher, speaker and entertainer.

She organized "The Home Study Group," which has grown from its original 10 members to over 100 women who continue to study and promote Church doctrines.

She was a member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Camp 11, Salt Lake County.

She was a devoted mother, with the highest principles of moral and religious obligations.

She served her community, stake and Church until curtailed by ill health in her declining years.

She died in Salt Lake City, Utah, on November 8, 1940, and was buried in Heber City Cemetery.

DR. WM. RUSSELL AND EMMA HATCH WHERRITT



William Russell Wherritt, prominent medical doctor in Heber, was born December

16, 1871, in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, to Thomas J. and Elizabeth Russell Wherritt. He married Emma Hatch in September, 1900, in Heber City. She was born March 10, 1878, in Heber, daughter of Joseph and Jane Clyde Hatch. They had three children, Dr. Russell Wherritt, Dr. Barton Wherritt (deceased), and Mrs. Lois W. Todd.

Dr. Wherritt was educated in Missouri schools and at the age of 17 was a registered pharmacist. In 1898 he graduated from the Kansas City Medical College and began practicing medicine in Goldfield, Colorado. He came to Park City on occasion to visit two brothers, and in 1899 decided to settle and practice in Heber. He endured all the hardships of rural practice before improved roads or electricity. For many years he was the only doctor in the valley and was without the help of trained nurses. Often he would become lost in winter blizzards at night and spent hours making his way to attend those who were ill. During World War I and the influenza epidemic of 1918 he was the only doctor in the area. A nurse, Kapulani Makahanohano, was sent by the State Board of Health from Salt Lake to assist him during the epidemic. Beginning in 1902, Dr. Wherritt served both as Heber City and Wasatch County health physician and also was railroad physician many years. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. He died November 4, 1948, of a heart attack, in his forty-ninth year of medical practice in the county. He loved his profession and no day was ever too long for him but what he could greet his patients with a smile.

Mrs. Wherritt, eldest daughter of Joseph and Jane Clyde Hatch, was a granddaughter of Abram Hatch, first stake president in the valley. She attended business college at BYU and for some years was bookkeeper and office assistant to her father in A. Hatch & Co. She was an active civic worker, serving six years as vice chairman and 16 years as chairman of the American Red Cross in the county. She helped organize the American Legion auxiliary and was a charter member of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She also took care of her husband's office work, answered telephones and operated much of his private business, leaving him

union five children were born. He spent his time at law study and was admitted to the bar entirely upon a self-study course.

His early ambitions for a career in the field of art were not to be. A mutual pact with a famous leading artist and boyhood companion for a share in the educational expense plan was never realized in his behalf, but his marvelous ability as depicted in his many paintings gave him great comfort as a pastime in his declining years.

He was a self-taught musician, playing both the violin and trumpet, and for many years was an active member of the Heber City band.

He was active in the Church, devoting much time as a high councilman. He served as Sunday school superintendent of Heber City Third Ward. Among the other varied Church activities, he served a 2½-year mission in 1904 and often referred to that experience "as the richest of all."

He was purchasing agent for the Indians on the White Rock Reservation by government appointment.

He, with Mrs. Willes, established and operated the first photographic studio in Wasatch County. They also operated for a limited time in Vernal, Utah.

He was appointed by President Grover Cleveland, September 26, 1894, as "judge of probate in the county of Wasatch, Territory of Utah." He was attorney for the D&RG Railroad for Wasatch County many years and held several elective and appointive offices in Wasatch County.

He moved with his family from Heber City to Salt Lake City in 1918. He was juvenile judge of the Fourth Judicial District until his retirement in 1928.

He is to be remembered for his deep desire for learning and self and cultural improvement. His contribution was to the Church, community, state and nation.

He died in Salt Lake City, May 21, 1938, and was buried in Heber City Cemetery.

MARY LORINTHA CLYDE WILLES

Mary Lorintha Clyde was born in Heber City, Utah, on September 24, 1862, to George Washington Clyde and Jane McDonald Clyde. She was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on August 7, 1870.



She was a literary genius, a fluent speaker and a natural-born speaker, who used her talents to improve educational standards and spread the gospel.

At the age of eight, she received a set of pictures as a prize from Heber First Ward on winning a speech contest when she competed with people much older than herself. She taught school before she was 17, and, to quote her: "Many of the men in my class towered head and shoulders above me."

Her greatest joy was in teaching and counseling boys. She often said: "Give me the heart of a boy and you have given me something which lasts forever." This was demonstrated at her final rites, when men from all walks of life paid her tribute with silent tears. It was her policy to promote the underprivileged and unruly boys by putting them in positions of trust.

The Church records of Heber First Ward read as follows:

"Miss Mary Clyde, first president of the Heber First Ward Primary Assn., set apart by Bishop William Foreman on September 4, 1879.

"Released October 17, 1884. Married while in office."

This tells us she also served as charter president while 17 years of age.

She married William Sidney Willes in the Salt Lake Temple on November 30, 1882. To this union five children were born.

She and Mr. Willes established the first photographic studio in Wasatch County. It was here she supported her family and made possible the mission of her husband to England in 1904. They operated for a limited time a photographic studio at Vernal, Utah.

She established the first public library

free to carry on his medical practice. In 1961 she was named Wasatch County "Mother of the Year," in tribute to her many accomplishments. She also served many years as president of Wasatch Camp, Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

DR. JOSEPH RUSSELL WHERRITT



Born in Heber City, Dr. J. Russell Wherritt is the son of Dr. W. R. and Emma Hatch Wherritt. He graduated from Wasatch High School, where he was a star basketball player. He entered the University of Utah and was in the S.A.T.C. at Fort Douglas in 1918 and 1919. He took his pre-medical work at Berkeley, California, and graduated in medicine at Pennsylvania Medical College. He interned in Philadelphia and New York, and then entered the Intermountain Clinic in Salt Lake City. He is on the board of directors of Holy Cross Hospital. He married Lucille Raddity, and they have two children, Russell and Joyce.

DR. C. F. WHERRITT



Dr. C. F. Wherritt, a graduate of Kansas City Dental College, came to Heber in the

fall of 1901 to visit his brother, Dr. William Russell Wherritt. He remained four years, opening an office in the upstairs of the Bridge Drug Store building. He also managed the drug business after it was purchased from the Bridges by Dr. W. R. Wherritt. When the Bank Building was completed the drug store and also the dental practice were moved to the building. He married Helma Lumberg of Kamas on November 21, 1902, in Heber. At the death of a brother in New Mexico, he was called there to close the estate. When he returned he made his permanent home in Kamas, practicing there many years. He and his wife had one daughter, Katherine.

WILLIAM WHEABLE

Another early barber was William Wheable. He worked with Frank Epperson and, ironically, was a left-handed barber. He made many friends in Park City, Midway and Heber, where he practiced. He was born May 17, 1867. He married Katherine Murray, and was the father of eight living children. He died of a stroke December 7, 1924.

DR. REX ALBERT WHITING



Rex A. Whiting was born on March 25, 1918, to Bert Whiting and Sarah Nielson, at Mapleton, Utah. He attended elementary school at Mapleton and junior and senior high school in Springville, Utah. He graduated from high school in 1936 and also graduated from the Kolob Stake Seminary during his high school years. From Brigham Young University he received two years of pre-dental education and from there continued his education at the University of

Southern California, where he received the degree of doctor of dental surgery in 1942.

It was during his last year of dental college that he met and married Florine Merrell of Phoenix, Arizona.

In 1943 he entered the U. S. navy as an assistant dental surgeon, with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade. After receiving indoctrination in the navy at the naval ship yard at Mare Island, California, he was sent to the Solomon Island area of war in the South Pacific, where he served until the end of the war as a dentist attached to Fleet Hospital 107.

Upon his release from the navy he, with his wife and little girl, Carol, born while he was in the South Pacific, moved to Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, where he practiced his profession of dentistry. In Heber, three more children were born to this family, one boy and two girls, Kirk, Anne and Kay. While in Heber he was active in the LDS Church, being superintendent of Heber First Ward Sunday School and later ward clerk of that ward. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Provo District Dental Society, Utah Dental Assn. and the American Dental Assn.

SARAH YOUNG

Sarah Young, daughter of James and Jane Toomer, was born July 26, 1816, at Wiltshire, Bath, England. She was married at the age of 29 to William G. Farr at Portsmouth, England, to whom one child, William G. Farr, was born in 1845. Three months after her marriage her husband, a sailor, went to sea. Supposition was they had black fever and all the crew perished. She never heard from any of the crew again.

She suffered and endured many privations before her baby was born. After she was better, she put the baby out to a wet nurse and went to service for five years.

She joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1851. Her people tried to get her to let the Mormons alone "and they would see that she was well provided for," but the spirit of the Lord moved on her so that she wanted to come to Zion. On the ship she sailed on she was married to Jonathan Young.

She crossed the plains in 1852 and came to Salt Lake City. Two children were born to her, Brigham J. Young on December 23, 1853, and Sarah Ann on January 26, 1855. She lived there until the move in 1858, when, with her husband and children, she went to Payson. Here she lived in a dug-out and two more children were born, David Toomer Young, 1858, and Fanny Jane, March 31, 1860.

She endured all the hardships of early pioneer days, toiling late and early to help sustain her family. It was hard to live in those days. Work was scarce and materials were hard to obtain. Her husband was a sail maker and she took the canvas off the sails and made clothes for her children. Her daughter Fanny wore a dress made of canvas, colored with sagebrush. It was so stiff it was difficult to sit down in. As materials were scarce, she was glad to have a dress of any kind.

One day, after she had gleaned wheat and was on her way to the mill to change it for flour, she saw something shining in the dirt. She went on and was impressed to go back, and on looking found it was a five-dollar gold piece. She hadn't seen many of them in her life and was overjoyed at the find. She was so honest she went to the presiding Elder and asked him what she should do. He knew her circumstances and told her to keep it awhile and if no one inquired about it, the money was surely put there for her. She never found the owner and it surely served her well.

In 1864 she, with her husband and family, moved to Heber City. They lived in an old log schoolhouse where Jess Witt's house now stands. While here she endured many privations. Sometimes they had straight bran for bread. She tried hard to make loaves, but it spread out and was not very palatable. The presiding Elder, Mr. Isaac Wall's father, found they were suffering, so he sent them some flour and told them to let him know if they were ever in such need again. They were surely thankful for the help received and felt that the Lord was blessing them. After this she moved into a log house on what is now the west lot of the Court House.

In 1864 she went to Salt Lake City to see her sister, who had just come from England. While there her husband took sick